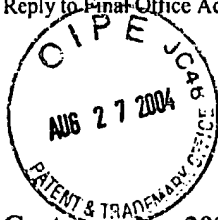


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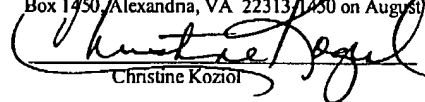
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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 21, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by September 21, 2004, and this Reply is being filed within the two-month period, *i.e.*, by August 23, 2004, as August 21st was a Saturday. Please enter the following into the record for this application.

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.